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SUBJ: INDONESIAN ICCS DELEGATION AND AIR AMERICA SERVICE

TO REGIONS

REF: (A) JAKARTA 12366 (B) SAIGON 17889 (C) JAKARTA 10670

1. IT NOW APPEARS CERTAIN THAT 5.7 MILLION DOLS US CONTRIBUTION TO ICCS HAS PRECLUDED SUSPENSION OF AIR AMERICA SERVICES AND EXTENSIVE ICCS WITHDRAWAL FROM REMOTE SITES. (IN ADDITION, WE UNDERSTAND THE GVN IS READY TO MAKE AN IMMEDIATE, SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION WHICH SHOULD FURTHER ALLEVIATE ICCS FINANCIAL WOES) AIR AMERICA HAS EXTENDED DEADLINE OF TERMINATION TO OCTOBER 22, BY WHICH TIME IT SHOULD BE IN THE PROCESS OF RECEIVING PAYMENT FROM THE COMMISSION. ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF THE AIR AMERICA SECRET

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LETTER TO THE ICCS, PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING INVOICES WILL

ALLOW FOR A CONTINUATION OF SERVICES. WITH THESE NEW DEVELOPMENTS, WE BELIEVE THE COMMISSION WILL NOT FIND IT NECESSARY TO WITHDRAW REMOTE TEAMS AND ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE CRISIS HAS PASSED FOR THE TIME BEING.

2. WE ARE PUZZLED BY SUMITRO'S REFERENCE TO HIS "DUTY" TO PULL MOST OF INDODEL BACK TO INDONESIA IF IT WERE TO BECOME NECESSARY TO WITHDRAW TEAMS FROM SUB-REGIONAL OR

REGIONAL SITES. THIS SEEMS AT VARIANCE WITH PAST INDONESIAN STEADFASTNESS ON MATTER OF REDUCTION OF SIZE OF ICCS CONTINGENTS (REF C) AND WE BELIEVE YOU S'OULD POINT OUT TO SUMITRO IN STRONG TERMS THAT NOTHING WOULD BETTER SUIT COMMUNIST PURPOSES. WE REALIZE THE FRUSTRATIONS INVOLVED IN ATTEMPTING TO CARRY OUT THE ICCS MANDATE, BUT HOPE THE GOI WILL NOT REACT PRECIPITOUSLY TO THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH ARE BOUND TO OCCUR.

3. FOR SAIGON -- REQUEST YOU PROVIDE LATEST STATE OF PLAY TO JAKARTA AND DEPARTMENT. KISSINGER

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